

launches. And the effectiveness of our bombing was just starting to see the improvements enabled by the Global Positioning System. On the first night of the war, Conventional Air-Launched Cruise Missiles descended on Baghdad with deadly accuracy after using Global Positioning System to update their own internal navigation.

Desert Storm gave us a preview of space-based capabilities, and in the years that followed the innovative men and women of Air Force Space Command continued to refine these capabilities and experiment with the best way to employ them. Operation Enduring Freedom showed the fruits of their hard effort. Communications and GPS satellites enabled the tremendous feat of a B-52 providing close air support to a soldier on the ground within minutes of the soldier calling in a target.

Today Air Force Space Command is a unique command within the Air Force, responsible for both acquisition and operation of Air Force satellite systems, launch vehicles, and missiles with over 30,000 people stationed around the globe. The role of Air Force Space Command is continuing to grow as they develop even more sophisticated systems such as SBIRS, the Space Based Radar, and advanced communication satellites, while expanding into areas such as space control. I congratulate Air Force Space Command on a very successful 20 years and wish them the very best for the next twenty. ●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### REPORT CONCERNING THE JUSTIFICATION OF THE AUSTRALIA GROUP AND THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION—PM 106

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Consistent with the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by the Senate of the United States on April 24, 1997, I hereby certify pursuant to Condition 7(C)(i), Effectiveness of the Australia Group, that:

Australia Group members continue to maintain equally effective or more comprehensive controls over the export of: toxic chemicals and their precursors; dual-use processing equipment; human, animal, and plant pathogens and toxins with potential biological weapons applications; and dual-use biological equipment, as that afforded by the Australia Group as of April 25, 1997; and

The Australia Group remains a viable mechanism for limiting the spread of chemical and biological weapons-related materials and technology, and the effectiveness of the Australia Group has not been undermined by changes in membership, lack of compliance with common export controls and nonproliferation measures, or the weakening of common controls and nonproliferation measures, in force as of April 25, 1997.

The factors underlying this certification are described in the enclosed statement of justification.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 4, 2002.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-8460. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Regulation; 8(a) Business Development/Small Disadvantaged Business Status Determinations; Rule of Procedure Governing Cases before the Office of Hearings and Appeals" (RIN3245-AE71) received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-8461. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the implementation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8462. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Forms Service Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration and Monitoring of Certain Non-immigrants" (RIN1115-AG70) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8463. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Forms Service Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allowing in Certain Circumstances for the Filing of Form I-140 Visa Petition Concurrently with a Form I-485 Application" (RIN1115-AG00) received on August 1, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8464. A communication from the Director, Federal Judicial Center, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Judicial Center's Annual Report for calendar year 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8465. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Monetary Allowance for Certain Children of Vietnam Veterans; Identification of Covered Birth Defects" (RIN2900-AK67) received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8466. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; The Skin" (RIN2900-AF00) received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8467. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Duty Periods; Inactive Duty for Training" (RIN2900-AL21) received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8468. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Law, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ankylosis and Limitation of Motion of Digits of the Hands" (RIN2900-AI44) received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8469. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Committee; Change of Name and Function; Technical Amendment" received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8470. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Selenium Yeast" received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8471. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Improvement Grant Program" received on August 19, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8472. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Career Resource Network State Grants: Notice of Extension of Project Period and Waiver, and Reopening of Competition for American Samoa" received on August 19, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8473. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Vocational and Technical Institutions Program: Notice of Extension of Project Period and Waiver" received